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SUBJECT: PAPANDREOU'S NEW POLITICAL DIRECTION

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1. ATHENS' PRESS JULY 29 REPORTS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY DANISH NEWSPAPER POLITMEN IN WHICH PAPANDREOU SAID HE IS PREPARING TO TURN HIS PANHELLENIC LIBERATION MOVEMENT (PAK) INTO A LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTY. THE NEW PARTY WOULD GO FURTHER THAN SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTIES: "I NOW BELIEVE MORE IN THE INTRODUCTION OF A KIND OF COMMUNIST (SIC) IN THE PLACES OF WORK--NOT A TAKEOVER OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION BY THE STATE, BUT A COLLECTIVIZATION AND TAKEOVER BY THOSE WHO WORK THERE... ONLY TO A VERY SMALL EXTENT WILL THERE BE ROOM FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE."

2. ATHINAIKI ANNOUNCED JULY 29 THAT PAPANDREOU'S RETURN TO PATRAS ON JULY 31 HAD BEEN DELAYED AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR
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HOURS.

3. IN HIS ROME STATEMENT JULY 23 (REFTEL) PAPANDREOU ALLEGED NATO HAD ENGINEERED THE CYPRIOT COUP AND GREEK DOMESTIC CHANGES. ON JULY 26, HE ADDED THAT THE TORTURERS MUST BE PUNISHED AND CHARGED THE U.S. WAS MANIPULATING THE NEW ATHENS' REGIME AT THE COST OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN CYPRUS AND THE SEDUCTION OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AGAINST DICTATORSHIP IN GREECE.

4. NOTE: CLOSE FRIEND OF PAPANDREOU TOLD EMBOFF THAT PAPANDREOU HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON TELEPHONE LAST SEVERAL DAYS SHORING UP TIES WITH EX-POLITICOS OF CENTER UNION AND OTHERS. FRIEND ANTICIPATES PAPANDREOU WILL MAINTAIN LOW POSTURE OUT OF CONCERN FOR HIS OWN PHYSICAL SAFETY AND ON ADVICE FROM POLITICALLY-SAVEY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE REMAINED IN GREECE THROUGH JUNTA YEARS. HIS ARRIVAL MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED ACCORDING TO ONE POLITICIAN WHO INDICATED PAPANDREOU IS NOW IN SCANDINAVIA. MEANWHILE PAPANDREOU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT HIS FATHER'S HOME IN KASTRI BE READIED FOR HIM.
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